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PID-159/64
30 October 1964

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director, NPIC

SUBJECT : Background on DD/I Blue Springs Memorandum of
6 October 1964

REFERENCE : BYE-21965-64, 6 October 1964
BYE-21966-64, 16 October 1964
BYE-36434-64, 3 September 1964 (COMOR-M264)
PAG Memo 857-64, 30 September 1964

1. First note of DDI interest in the procedures for handling the BLUE SPRINGS product was noted by this office in the COMOR minutes of 3 September 1964 a copy of the pertinent portion thereof which is attached.

2. Shortly after 3 September 1964, [] received a telecom from [] stating that [] was charged with preparing a paper, was mulling the approach over in his mind and would appreciate at some future time any thoughts we (PID? NPIC?) had on the subject. This info was passed for your info by []

3. Between the 2nd and 3rd weeks of September, [] received several phone calls from [] of CGS who was charged with gathering info for a paper to Mr. Cline. [] was fairly specific in his questions as he had already obtained the majority of the required information elsewhere. [] cited to [] the info contained generally in the first four sections of paragraph 2 of BYE-21965-64 and asked for the average time required for NPIC field IPIR readouts based on 650 feet of linear film. The answer provided by [] in coordination with [] and [] is noted in paragraph 3c of BYE-21965-64. [] also provided the additional information in paragraph 3c as a justification for the quality of NPIC readouts. It should be noted here that [] informed [] that although the answers were fact insofar as [] knowledge extended, these answers were not official NPIC responses. [] assured [] that the paper in preparation was internal and no attribution to NPIC would be made.

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[] further asked for information regarding current field centers where such readouts could be accomplished and this information is included under paragraph 5, second sentence of BYE-21965-64. [] noted these calls for your information.

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4. Around the third week in September [] DD/I liaison to CIA/PID received a series of questions by phone from [] of CGS which were passed to [] of PAG informally. The answers to these questions were passed by telecom to [] and were followed by formal memorandum PAG/M-851-64, 30 September 1964. Information based on this memorandum is noted throughout BYE-21965-64.

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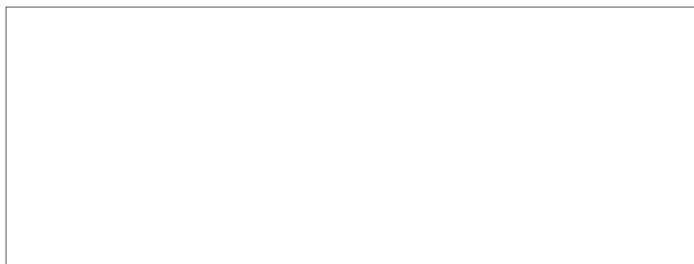
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5. No further communication was held between CGS and CIA/PID on the subject of BLUE SPRINGS. On approximately 23 October, however, copies of BYE-21965-64 and BYE-21966-64 were forwarded to NPIC/PID (CIA Detachment)" from CGS. These papers were forwarded to your office on 27 October for information.

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